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Change leaves special-needs kids in limbo

Parents worry as state's new scholarship effort is plagued by uncertainty, short on donations

BY PAUL BOWERS
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Ellen Wilson is gambling for her son's education. With a cloud of uncertainty hanging over a South Carolina scholarship program that helps special-needs students attend private schools, Wilson and her husband went ahead and enrolled their 8-year-old son Trey in an expensive Mount Pleasant

school for children with ADHD and dyslexia.

Class started Aug. 18 at Trident Academy, and a semester's tuition can cost up to \$14,400. The Wilsons might not find out if they qualify for the scholarship until Sept. 15.

Wilson and her husband scraped together the money and wrote a check, hoping to qualify for financial assistance from the newly reinvented Ex-

How to apply or donate

To apply for a scholarship or make a donation to the fund, go to exceptionalsc.org. Applications are due Sept. 1.

ceptional SC state-backed scholarship fund. But there's no guarantee they'll receive any relief, and a second semester might break the bank.

Wilson started picking up extra hours at work, and her husband teach-

es classes on weekends now. "You can't even think about college or retirement when you've got a kid that needs special services," Wilson said.

Frustrated with the help they were receiving in public schools, parents of

special-needs children got some relief in 2013 when the state started subsidizing millions of dollars in tax credits for a handful of private scholarship funding organizations, or SFOs. Some SFOs focused on religious schools; the largest, Palmetto Kids First, raised millions of dollars in a matter of weeks and helped families across the state

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Finding her way

Former Lincoln student transitions to new life at Wando High



Wando High School senior Sharome Stafford waits for the bus outside her grandmother's house in McClellanville at 6:50 a.m. Thursday. Stafford attended the now-closed Lincoln Middle-High School last year.

BY DEANNA PAN
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MOUNT PLEASANT — On her first day of senior year, Sharome Stafford was late to every one of her classes: Drama 2, Architecture and Civil Engineering, English 4, Honors Calculus. When she finally arrived to her last class on

the other side of campus, the door was locked. She had to knock.

Sharome, a poised 17-year-old who carries herself with a quiet confidence, isn't used to the bustle at Wando High School, or the masses of students thronging the hallways, or unfamiliar faces filling every desk. At her old school, she and her friends lingered at their lockers be-

tween classes. She recognized every teacher, administrator and student by name. She never bothered memorizing classroom numbers; she knew the layout of the school — two hallways, a series of breezeways, a modest media center, an outdoor gym — by heart.

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Trump will soon catch up, says GOP

Clinton's rival adopts conventional tactics

ERICA WERNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a tumultuous stretch of gaffes and falling poll numbers for Donald Trump, top GOP campaign and party officials insisted Sunday that their presidential nominee is getting back on track and will catch up with Democrat Hillary Clinton by around Labor Day.

Clinton campaign officials dismissed the idea of a changed Trump as nonsense. "Donald Trump has been disciplined and mature. And I think he's going to get this thing back on track," said Rep. Pribus, the Republican National Committee chairman.

Polls now mostly show Trump lagging Clinton by 5 percentage points or more nationally, but Pribus predicted they will tighten up and Trump will be "ahead as we move through September."

Trump's new campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, echoed Pribus' optimism, contending that the candidate just had the best week of his campaign, "mostly because he's able



Trump

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Storm could bring threat to Southeast

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A storm has come off the African coast that hurricane forecasters have been watching, but eyes now are on the storm in front of it.

That storm in the mid-Atlantic has begun to take on the features of a tropical cyclone. It's barreling toward the Caribbean islands and Puerto Rico, with all bets off after that. Some models have suggested it could become a hurricane off the Southeast coast.

"Environmental conditions could become more conducive for development late this week, when the system is expected to be near Hispaniola and the southeastern Bahamas," specialist Daniel Brown, with the National Hurricane Center, said Sunday.

"The storm should track close to

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Veteran, sisters reunited at last

Homeless man gone 32 years never lost hope

BY ABIGAIL DARLINGTON
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When Anna Judge received a Facebook message last year from a Veterans Affairs social worker, she and her sister Marta Sallie thought it was a hoax.

The message said their brother, German Leon, was in the VA's care in Atlanta, and that they needed to speak with his family as soon as possible.

Neither had heard from their brother in 32 years. The last time they spoke with him, he said he'd retired from the Army and was heading to Atlanta in

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Army veteran German Leon (from left) and his sisters Marta Sallie and Anna Judge talk about what it has been like to be reunited after 32 years.

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Video

To see a video of the reunited siblings, go to postandcourier.com/videos.

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Jimmy Way Jr. takes a photo of his son, Jimmy Way III, and Cocky during the annual USC football fan day Sunday afternoon at Williams-Brice Stadium. **Below:** James Todd, 5, waits in line for autographs from USC players.

USC FOOTBALL

FAN DAY CROWD MEETS GAMECOCKS

BY GLEN LUKE FLANAGAN
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For Owen White, the Gamecocks annual Fan Appreciation Day was a chance to meet his football heroes. The 8-year-old is a diehard fan of the garnet and black, his mother said.

"From the time he woke up until we got here, he was excited," said Vakevia Matthews, 31, of Columbia. "I'm excited - if he's a fan, I'm a fan."

They arrived at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center a half hour before the event kicked off at 2 p.m., Matthews said. The team autographed posters and chatted with hundreds of fans from 2:30-4 p.m.

Matthews and her son weren't the only ones using Sunday as a chance for family bonding. Tyler Walker, 34, of Saluda came out with his 11-year-old daughter, Lexi.

After deploying to Afghanistan in 2010 and 2013 with the National Guard, Fan Appreciation Day allowed him to get caught up on what's going on with the Gamecocks, Walker said.

"I used to be a Clemson fan - until I met Owen," Walker said. "I love the



leads to a divided house this time of year.

"We get along until football season starts," Walker said.

The day drew more than just residents of the Palmetto State, however.

Akeyla Charleston, 21, and Ty Ashley, 23, came from Georgia to support Charleston's brother, Javon Charleston, as he starts his first season with the University of South Carolina.

"I'm really excited to see him

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THESTATE.COM: Fans talk about Gamecock loyalty, with this story online

The Gamecocks' season opener is Sept. 3 at Maryland.

MIDLANDS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Are rules in focus for body cameras?

■ A scorecard by civil rights groups highlights concerns about police officers' body cameras. How do the policies of local law-enforcement agencies measure up to the scorecard?

BY GLEN LUKE FLANAGAN
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It's an age-old question with a modern twist: Who watches the watchmen? Nowadays, many police agencies are turning to body-worn cameras - but the new technology comes with its own problems.

When must officers record? Is the new-fangled technology turning these tools into an eye of Big Brother? What about privacy?

Such questions are addressed by a scorecard put out earlier this month by two human rights groups as suggested practices for using the devices and for sharing policies and videos

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One of the body cams the Richland County Sheriff's Department has tested for deputies.

Body-cam funds go to oyster patrol and other agencies

BY SEANNA AIDCOX
Associated Press

After a bystander's video last year showed a white North Charleston police officer shooting and killing a fleeing, unarmed black man, widespread outrage spurred South Carolina lawmakers to vote in favor of police body cameras, and to come up with \$5.8 million to pay for cameras and data storage.

Now that the money is being distributed, it's flowing to every agency that applied - including one that monitors oyster health and scrutinizes pharmacists, according to a list provided



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Duke deal will keep Keowee levels higher

Company gets approval to operate plants for 30 more years

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Duke Energy has received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to operate its 868-megawatt Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project, including the Jo-

cassee Pumped Storage Hydro Station, Keowee Hydro Station and lakes Jocassee and Keowee, for another 30 years.

The project provides added electricity during peak usage times for thousands of South Carolina residents while the lakes are a drinking water sup-

ply for Upstate residents and a recreation resource.

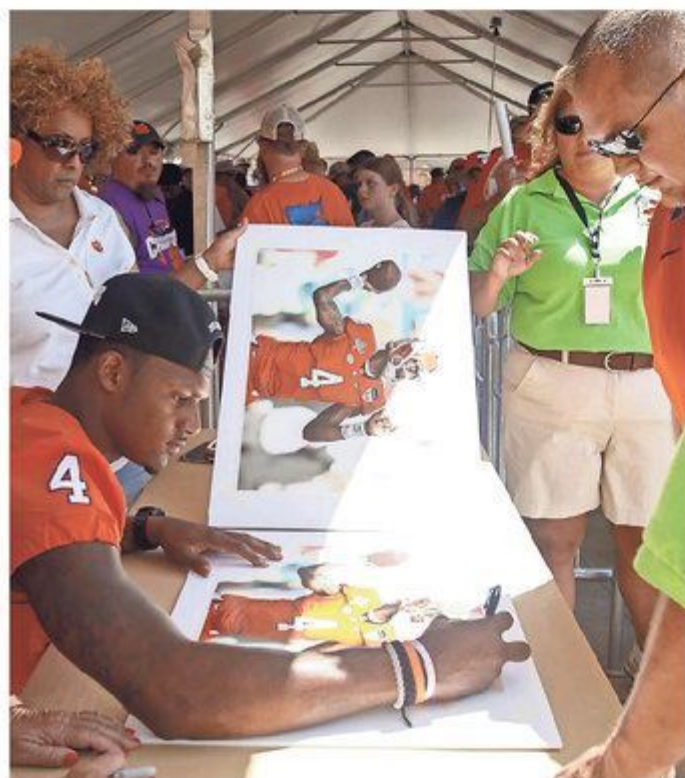
Under the new license, Duke will maintain a higher lake level in Lake Keowee during normal conditions beginning in December 2019. The

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A jet skier is seen on Lake Keowee from a lot at The Landing at Keowee Springs. Duke will maintain a higher level beginning in December 2019.

LAUREN PETRACCA/STAFF



Clemson Tigers quarterback Deshaun Watson, above, signs an autograph for a fan during the annual Clemson football Fan Appreciation Day.

Clemson fans enter in Memorial Stadium Sunday for the annual Clemson football Fan Appreciation Day.



CLEMSON PHOTOS BY DAWSON POWERS/CONTRIBUTOR

THOUSANDS ATTEND CLEMSON, USC FAN DAY

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Clemson and USC fans line up for a chance to meet their favorite players, Page 1C.

James Todd, 5, below, waits in line for autographs from Gamecock players during the annual USC football Fan Day on Sunday afternoon at Williams-Brice Stadium.



USC PHOTOS BY SEAN RAYFORD/THE STATE
Jimmy Way Jr. takes a photo of his son, Jimmy Way III, and Cocky during the annual USC football Fan Day Sunday afternoon at Williams-Brice Stadium.



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NEWS DIGEST

2 arrested in Chesnee man's slaying

Two people have been arrested in the July shooting death of a Chesnee man.

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office reported Sunday that Michael Davis Ham, 24, of 317 Camp Ferry Road, Gaffney has been charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Tiffany Renae Kirby, 27, of 248 Jonestown Road, Chesnee was charged with accessory after the fact of a felony.

Deputies responded to a shooting on July 27 at 138 Whiteside Drive just after 10 p.m. They found Don Russell "Rusty" Turner dead, according to the Sheriff's Office. Investigators conducted interviews with several people following the shooting.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Ham and Kirby were served with warrants when they were being held at the Spartanburg County jail on other charges unrelated to the murder case.

—From staff, wire reports

NATION & WORLD



Help for flooding victims

Outside the small town of Walker, Louisiana, a rural Baptist church has become an oasis for flood victims. A4

TIP SHEET

TODAY
Spartanburg City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers in City Hall, 145 W. Broad St., Spartanburg.

TURKEY

Suicide bombing kills 51

Young bomber attacks Turkish wedding party; Erdogan blames IS

By Cinar Kiper
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A child suicide bomber killed at least 51 people and wounded nearly 70 others at a Kurdish wedding party near Turkey's border with Syria, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Sunday, decrying the attack as an apparent attempt by Islamic State extremists to destabilize the nation by exploiting ethnic and

religious tensions.

"As of now, the preliminary conclusions by our governor's office and the police establishment point to an attack by Daesh," Erdogan said, using another common term for IS.

"It was clear that Daesh had such an organization in Gaziantep or was attempting to make room for itself in recent times," he said.

The bombing late Saturday in Gaziantep was the deadliest

attack in Turkey this year.

It comes amid ongoing struggles between the government and Kurdish militants linked to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, known as the PKK, and as the country is still reeling from the aftermath of last month's failed coup attempt, which the government has blamed on U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen and his followers.

Erdogan said immediately

after the Gaziantep attack, which he blamed on IS, that any strategy "meant to incite the citizens against each other along ethnic and religious lines will not work."

Later, addressing the nation before Istanbul's city hall, Erdogan said the attacker in Gaziantep was aged between 12 and 14. He said 69 people were wounded, with 17 of them in critical condition.

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DOWNTOWN SPARTANBURG

Montgomery Building work could begin in January



A \$25 million renovation project at the Montgomery Building on Church Street in Spartanburg could begin in January. TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM

City Council to review agreement with developer

Greenville-based developer BF Spartanburg LLC intends to redevelop the aging Montgomery Building on North Church Street as mixed-use

tenants will be located on the ground floor, while the second floor will be dedicated to offices. The third through tenth floors will be converted

to the strict standards of the historic rehabilitation guidelines set by the National Park Service," Bakker said. "Its renovation will positively

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Council OKs Eustis Park center

BY DAN BROWN

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Aiken City officials expect shovels to soon turn on the long-standing Eustis Park Community Center after City Council approved the final design of the construction project earlier this month.

Council unanimously approved the final design after some minor revisions to the original plan, when the Aiken Senior Life Services, formerly the Council on Aging, opted not to be a part of the Center.

"We revised the site plan a little bit," said architect Cam Scott, of Cheatham, Fletcher, Scott Architects, in a work session earlier this month. "We used an existing entrance

to Eustis Park and relocated the center to have an east-west facing. We were also able to add more parking."

The new Community Center design encompasses approximately 16,000 square feet that includes the Helping Hands wing, common entrance area, a banquet hall, a 500-square-foot catering kitchen and loading area, office space and meeting rooms.

A central front desk provides controlled access in and out of the building.

The banquet hall, according to officials, will be capable of accommodating up to 400 guests. The banquet hall stage can be sectioned off and utilized as a fourth meeting room.

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SUBMITTED RENDERING

Pictured is a conceptual rendering of the Eustis Park facilities.

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Wrestlers melt down crowds at Odell Weeks

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County committee talks landfill fees, e-waste

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School District's policy prohibits cellphone use

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MEDAL COUNT



As of Aug. 20 at 5 p.m.

TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS

1.	United States	40	36	35
2.	China	24	18	20
3.	United Kingdom	26	22	15
4.	Russia	16	17	19
5.	Japan	12	8	21
6.	France	9	17	14
7.	Germany	16	9	14
8.	Australia	8	11	10
9.	Italy	8	11	7
10.	Canada	4	3	15

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VIDEO

First Tee, USCA form partnership

Fundraising drive launched to build joint practice center

BY ERIC RUSSELL

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In the spring of 2014, the First Tee of Aiken saw an opportunity. The type of "1-1-3 opportunity" one board member said doesn't come around often. The First Tee program had outgrown its current facility arrangement at Houndslake Country Club. The USC Aiken golf team had a place to tee it up and play 18 holes after class, but lacked a place to practice and hit balls — something it spends a majority of its time doing.

At the time, the two entities lacked the answer, so they decided to create their own. The answer is a \$3.17 million practice facility on 60 acres of land to the west of the Convocation Center on the campus of USCA. The university and The First Tee of Aiken are expected to announce the endeavor during a news conference at the Convocation Center today.

An earlier rendering of the course obtained by the *Aiken Standard* shows plans for the practice facility to include a short nine-hole practice course made up mostly of par-3 and par-4 holes, a full-length driving range, a practice putting green, a short-game area for the USCA golf team, a separate short-game area for the First Tee, and a clubhouse. There also are plans for the facility to have lights for extended hours of play.

"Both organizations share core values, including preparing students to become respectful, responsible and accountable citizens who are prepared to make significant contributions to their communities," USCA Chancellor Dr. Sandra Jordan said. "An accessible driving range is especially needed for the University's golf program. A practice facility will serve as a powerful recruiting tool as well as a convenient resource for the team; and, it is imperative before the university can consider expanding its golf program to include women's golf (currently the only sport offered on campus that does not have a women's team or a place to practice on campus)."

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This partnership strengthens what we deliver to the youth and assures us a long-term home that suits our specific needs

Tony Allman, First Tee of Aiken

About the partnership

WHAT: Nine-hole practice facility
WHERE: USC Aiken
WHEN: 1-2 years
COST: \$3.17 million
ACREAGE: 62 acres
OTHER DETAILS: 380-yard deep driving range; facility to be jointly used by USCA and First Tee of Aiken





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Florence Comic Con

Growth expected to continue with 2016 event



BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — The Florence Comic Con returns Sept. 11 to the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology Center at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

And in its fourth year, the comic convention will be much the same, save one key prediction from the event's art coordinator, Ernie Suggs.

"The only thing we're looking forward to being a change is the number of people we're going to

IF YOU GO

Cosplay Expo

» **WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 10

» **WHERE:** Match Maker Conference Center, 2736 TV Road in Florence.

» **ADMISSION:** \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Kids 12 and under admitted free.

Florence Comic Con

» **WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 11

» **WHERE:** Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology Center on the Florence-Darlington Technical College campus.

» **ADMISSION:** \$10. Tickets are only available at the door. Kids 12 and under admitted for free.

have join us," Suggs said.

Each year the event draws thousands of people from across the Pee Dee and outside the state. Its growth comes purely from fan support, he said.

"Like I said, being a part of it

as long as I have been, it's just gotten better and better. It truly has," he said. "It is mind-blowing that the Florence area has been able to make something like this

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Lenny King (right) looks at cosmetic contact lenses sold by Lisa Lehmkuhl during the 2015 Florence Comic Con.

United Way of Florence County

Volunteers needed for Day of Caring

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — The United Way of Florence County is searching for volunteers to participate in its annual Day of Caring.

The Sept. 16 event, which serves as the United Way's campaign kickoff, provides help to partnering agencies in the Florence area.

"Basically what it is is just one big day of volunteerism," said Rachel Baggett, director of marketing and initiatives at the United Way of Florence County.

Seventeen local agencies, including the Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, The CARE House of the Pee Dee and more, make a project wish list. While projects vary, these lists generally include tasks

WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

» **WHAT:** Day of Caring

» **WHEN:** Sept. 16

» **HOW TO HELP:** Visit uniflorence.org to check the list of projects and then call 843-662-2407 to sign up.

such as cleaning, painting and landscaping — jobs that would be unmanageable for the agency's staff to complete because of financial and time constraints.

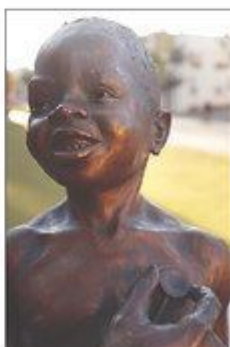
"We have 87 projects this year. I know last year they completed 48," Baggett said. "We know it's not possible for all 87 to be picked, but we do like to get as many done as possible, because the agencies are so grateful for it."

In many cases, the volunteer work is provided

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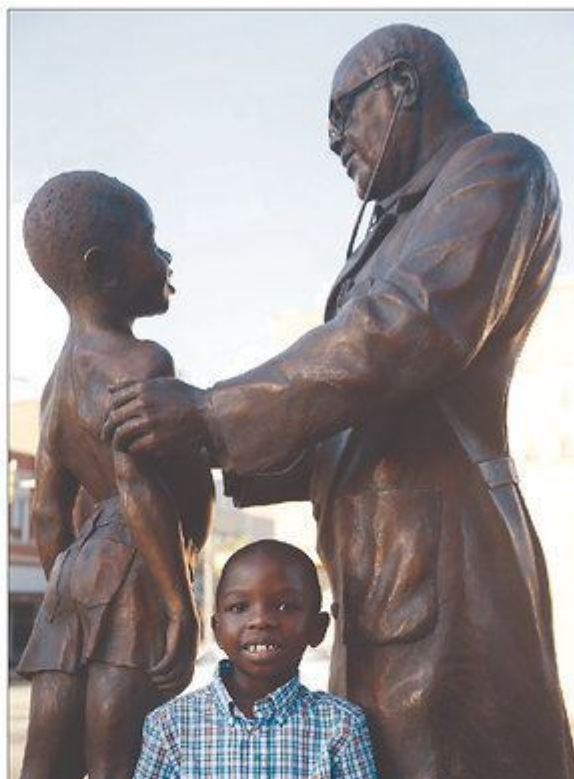


Each Monday, the Morning News features a good news story on a person, place or organization in the Pee Dee. If you have a suggestion for someone or something to profile, send it to news@scnw.com.



Sculptor Alex Palkovich used Caleb Johnson as a model to create the statue of Dr. R.N. Beck treating a young patient.

The model



Florence boy posed for statue of Dr. Beck and young patient

BY MEGAN MAY
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FLORENCE — Even if Caleb Johnson moves away from Florence, a part of him will always be here.

Caleb modeled for Alex Palkovich, a local sculptor, for the bronze statue of Dr. R.N. Beck and a young patient that stands outside the Francis Marion University Luther F. Carter Center for Health Sciences.

In July 2015, Palkovich was searching for a young boy to model for the piece. He had found multiple prospects, but none particularly stuck out to him. Then he met 6-year-old Caleb Johnson.

"I saw many very nice figures, but they were all kind of standard. He was so unique," Palkovich said. "He just put his tummy forward and he chest up and I saw his fantastic face. ... He was such a character."

Labor law forum set to be held Wednesday

BY JOE PERRY
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FLORENCE — A Lunch and Learn presentation in late July about new federal labor-law changes was so popular that another forum one will be held Wednesday.

"The last one was so full, there wasn't enough space, so we had to carry over and schedule another one," said Les Echols, director of community and minority enterprise for the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce. "There was

IF YOU GO

» **WHAT:** Lunch and Learn presentation about new federal labor law changes.

» **WHEN:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

» **WHERE:** The Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce office on the corner of West Evans and South Dargan streets in downtown Florence.

» **COST:** \$20 (\$15 for Young Professionals or participants from nonprofits).

» **TO REGISTER:** call the chamber at 843-665-0515 or visit flcchamber.org

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Former officer files suit against Abbeville

Policewoman alleges harassment in case against former police chief, city

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Angela Barris Priest, a former officer with the Abbeville Police Department, has filed a lawsuit against former Abbeville Police Chief Patrick Neil Henderson and another lawsuit against the City of Abbeville, the Abbeville Police Department, Henderson in his capacity as police chief and former Abbeville City Manager David McCuen.



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its duty as Priest and Henderson's employer.

The civil complaints say Henderson, while serving as Abbeville police chief, sexually harassed and discriminated against Priest, causing her emotional distress, and that the city was negligent in

Henderson, McCuen, the city and the police department denied any wrongdoing in their filed answers to Priest's complaints.

Priest, her attorney Billy Garrett, Henderson, and interim Abbeville City Manager David Krumwiede declined to comment when contacted. McCuen, Henderson's attorney James D. Jolly Jr., and Charles E. Thompson, attorney to the city, the department and McCuen in this lawsuit, could not be reached for comment.

Priest, who worked for the city from 1993 to 2015, was targeted by Henderson starting in 2004 when Henderson became police chief, according to the complaints, but the behavior worsened in 2009 when Priest was divorced.

Henderson made a number of unwanted sexual advances on Priest, the complaint alleges, including at the department's gym.

"The Defendant (Henderson)

kissed the Plaintiff (Priest) unexpectedly at the gym, fondled her inappropriately on multiple occasions, and lifted her clothing to look at her body," the complaint says. "The Defendant would get angry if the Plaintiff didn't go to the gym and if she didn't perform certain exercises at the gym."

Henderson began a targeted campaign to control Plaintiff's (Priest) personal life through harassment.

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NEW RULES

Outdated laws being tidied up, revised in Ninety Six

By DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ
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NINETY SIX — A cleaning-up two years in the making finally made its way through the Ninety Six Town Council.

Councilwoman Joan Walker held a copy of the Ninety Six Code of Ordinance with bright yellow stick-on notes bursting from the side, marking page after page. The notes labelled ordinances that were out-of-date

— with references to parking meters the town hasn't had in more than a decade, or people playing their "jukeboxes" too loudly. Some had misspelled or typing errors.

For about two years, Walker took on the task of reviewing all of the town's ordinances and correcting the outdated references. On Aug. 15, council voted unanimously to approve about half of the revisions, with 37 more to go through at future meetings, she said.

"We get old stuff out of the way so when citizens come in here and review our ordinances, they make sense," she said. "It also helps give the law teeth, so when officers write tickets they stick, instead of being thrown out in court for being too vague."

Working alongside the other members of the judicial committee — Council members Bridget Porter and Charles Stevens — and the town's attorney, Doug Bell, Walker pored over the pages of the ordinance book and did most of



Mattie Christopher, of Greenwood, puts together an order for customers at her Greenwood Farmers Market booth on Saturday morning.

ORGANIC COMMUNITY

Greenwood county farmers market looks to distinguish itself from Uptown

By ADAM BENSON
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With her array of crowder peas, okra, snap beans and famous baked apple pies, Mattie Christopher is usually the first stop for regulars at the bi-weekly Greenwood Farmers Market.

"I just love selling vegetables and making my homemade apple pies. I have my regular customers, and they come back," Christopher said on Saturday morning as she bagged a bushel of peaches.

Since the mid-1970s, the county farmers market has provided area residents with an alternative to grocery store produce, offering farm fresh and locally sourced goods.

It's why people like Lee Wyndham, of Greenwood, make it a point to go every week.

"There's so much variety. I grew up on a farm, and I so appreciate that we have farmers who want to share what they grow," she said.

But since April, when Greenwood city opened its Uptown Market to much fanfare, organizers of the original market say they've had some trouble distinguishing themselves to potential new patrons.

"I went through the entire process of Uptown developing their market, and our market is not their market," James

Hodges, a horticulture agent with the Clemson Cooperative Extension and staff liaison for the Greenwood Farmers Market Board, told the County Council last week. "We're still in the business of selling good food to people."

With its own social media presence, members of the farmers market board have worked to advertise themselves. But they're hoping county leaders will take a more direct role, either by assigning a council member to its board or linking its Facebook page to the county's website.

Carol Culbertson, a county extension agent who has been active with the farmers market since its inception in 1975, said direct council participation could help to raise its profile.

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Fifty years in the books: Rankin reaches a McCaslan's milestone



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At the age of 15, Alvin Rankin drove the Rambler Station Wagon around Greenwood, delivering books, gifts



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